

9 August 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

Acting Director, Public Affairs Office

SUBJECT: Invitation to Address the Humanist Society  
of Metropolitan New York

1. Action Requested: Accept or decline an invitation to address a dinner meeting of the Humanist Society of Metropolitan New York at the New York University Club on either 23 September, 21 October, or 25 November. The meetings last from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

2. Background: Mr. Jesse Gordon, President of the Humanist Society, at the suggestion of the New York State Supreme Court Judge Theodore Kupferman, invited you to be the guest speaker at one of their dinner and dialogue meetings. The suggested format for the evening is 30 minutes of remarks followed by questions and answers. "Internationalism Terrorism" is suggested, but any topic of your choosing would be of interest to this group. You could expect an audience of approximately 100 opinion leaders which includes judges, lawyers, academicians, and foreign ambassadors to the United Nations. Recent speakers have included General William C. Westmoreland, Herbert Brownell, John V. Lindsay, Dr. Herbert Scoville Jr., Bishop Paul Moore Jr., William E. Colby, and Harrison E. Salisbury. Members of the OSS would be invited if you accept this invitation. The Humanist Society is concerned with civil liberties and human rights on a national as well as international basis. According to their newsletter, John Kenneth Galbraith was named Humanist of the Year in 1985. (Additional information appears opposite.)

3. Recommendation: This group appears to be a fairly liberal and influential group. Since there is foreign national involvement (the society does not restrict attendance to U.S. citizens) you may not wish to accept this invitation. Indicate your preference and have Public Affairs make the appropriate response.



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**ACCEPT**

**Director of Central Intelligence**

**Date**

**DECLINE:**

**/s/ William J. Casey**

**17 AUG 1985**

**Director of Central Intelligence**

**Date**